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On Wednesday November 9th at approximately 2:00 PM, the State of Connecticut will participate in a Nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies will conduct this first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The test may last up to one minute. The public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for all media providers. The test will return listeners and viewers back to regularly scheduled programming when complete.

The National EAS is a public alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during extreme emergencies. Similar to local EAS tests that are conducted frequently, the Nationwide EAS Test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services providers across all U.S. States and Territories.

The test serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves, their families, communities and businesses. Visit fema.gov for more information.

Please DO NOT CALL 911 after hearing this test. There is no emergency and this is a test only.